AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM D. MERKLIN, P.E.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)

William D. Merklin, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am the Vice President of Dvirka and Bartilucci Consulting Engineers ("D&B"), Division of Water Supply. At all relevant times after May of 1995, I was employed by D&B.
- 2. I am a licensed engineer in the State of New York.
- 3. At all times since my hiring at D&B in 1995, D&B has provided engineering services to the Bowling Green Water District. This relationship continues to this date. I am personally familiar with the water supply system at the Bowling Green Water District.
- 4. While employed at D&B, I had involvement in the observation of the construction of the remedial system at the Bowling Green Water District in 1995. This remedial system was necessary to remove various Volatile Organic Compounds from the public drinking water supply. My involvement included observation of the construction of the remedial air stripper tower and the connection of the then existing granulated activated carbon system to the treatment system.
- 5. The treatment system installed in 1995 consisted of a thirty foot tower called an air stripper. At the Bowling Green Water District, potentially contaminated water is initially treated in the air stripper tower. The water is then pumped through the granulated activated carbon system for "polishing". Polishing is the final removal of any contamination that is not removed in the air stripper tower.

- 6. The air stripper tower was built in the Summer of 1995. The first physical on-site activity associated with the air stripper tower that I am aware of, occurred on June 12-13 of 1995. At that time, D&B hired Warren George, Inc. ("WGI") to drill three soil borings at the Bowling Green Water District well field.
- 7. These soil borings were done with a large drilling truck, similar to the type of equipment which would be used to drill a household well. Between June 12-13, 1995, this rig drilled three borings. These borings were four inches in diameter and went down thirty two feet below the ground surface. These borings were done directly below the area that the concrete slab for the air stripper tower was to be erected. The purpose of the borings was to determine the soil conditions below the proposed area for the concrete slab on which the air stripper tower was to be erected.
- 8. The results of the soil borings were incorporated into a report by WGI. The WGI report was forwarded to D&B on June 14, 1995 and was maintained by D&B as a business record. A true and accurate copy of the WGI report is appended to this affidavit. The report specifically confirms that the work was done between June 12-13, 1995.
- 9. As with all construction projects in Long Island, these soil borings were a necessary first step. Taking soil borings at the Bowling Green Water District was a necessary physical on-site activity.
- 10. Once the air stripper tower was put into service, the granulated activated carbon system was incorporated into the remedial system for purposes of polishing the water and removing any contamination not removed by the air stripper tower.
- 11. This system is still in use at the Bowling Green Water District to this date.

- 12. By letter dated July 7, 1995, Region Associates, Inc. was directed to commence excavation work and pouring of the slab for the air stripper tower on July 11, 1995. This was done by letter from Daniel Davis at the Town of Hempstead Water Department to Region Associates, Inc. D&B was copied on this letter. A true and accurate copy of the letter is attached hereto. At all relevant times, this letter was in the files of D&B as a business record.
- 13. The Slab was constructed directly over the location in which the soil boring were done by WGI on June 12-13, 1995.

Dated March 2, 2009 Woodbury, New York

William D. Merklin

Sworn and subscribed before me this

9 day of March, 2009

Notary Public, State of New York

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GREGORY P. PETERSON PRESIDING SUPERVISOR RICHARD V. GUARDINO, JR. SUPERVISOR

July 7, 1995

Region Associates, Inc. 50 Park Avenue Bay Shore, NY 11706

ATT: C. Chapman, President

Re: Packed Tower Aeration System at Bowling Green Estates Water District Wells 1 and 2, General Construction PW 35-95

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that award of the above referenced contract has been recommended to your company in the amount of \$118,900.00. The Hempstead Town Board will

You are requested to obtain your Performance Bond, Labor and Materials Bond, Certificate of Workmen's Compensation and Certificates of Insurance, such that you will be able to sign contract documents as soon as possible after 7/11/95.

In the interim, because of the urgency of this project to protect the public water supply of the Bowling Green Estates Water District you are hereby directed to

Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Deniel Davis, Pl. Commissioner

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cc: R. Burns, Dvirka & Bartilucci